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<i>Application Number</i>	09/827,985
<i>Filing Date</i>	April 6, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Ronald O'Connell
<i>Art Unit</i>	1745
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Gregg Cantelmo
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	PD7323US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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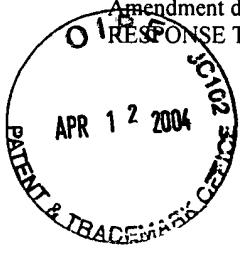
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Amendment dated April 7, 2004

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION dated March 10, 2004



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Ronald O'Connell
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COLLECTORS IN A MULTI-LAYER
CELL

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.